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APPLICANT: P. Proost et al.

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EXAMINER: Dr. J. Roark

FOR: AMINO-TERMINALLY TRUNCATED MCP-2 AS CHEMOKINE
ANTAGONISTS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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AMENDMENT

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated June 14, 2001. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-14 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims.

13. An amino-terminally truncated MCP-2 lacking NH₂-terminal amino acids corresponding to amino acid residues 1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4 or 1-5 of naturally-occurring MCP-2 (SEQ ID NO: 2) and having chemokine antagonistic activity.

14. The truncated MCP-2 of claim 13, wherein the truncated MCP-2 lacks NH₂-terminal amino acids corresponding to amino acid residues 1-5 of naturally-occurring MCP-2 (SEQ ID NO: 2).

15. The truncated MCP-2 of claim 13, wherein the truncated MCP-2 has the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4.